

140 Colgate Avenue (House)
(Cambria Steel Company House VII)
Westmont Neighborhood
140 Colgate Avenue
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 140 Colgate Avenue, Westmont, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Large single-family home. Two-and-a-half stories, front gable, wood frame, horizontal wood siding. Fish-scale shingles on second-floor walls and in gables. Two-story bay window in front, front porch with hip roof.

History: One of four houses built on Colgate Avenue by Cambria Steel Co. in 1911. The company purchased the plans, specifications, and a bill of materials from Sears, Roebuck & Co. (model nos. 137 and 164 from the "Modern Homes" catalogue). The company spent \$3,575.82 to complete construction, which does not include the value of land.

The house was transferred to Catherine Benshoff, the widow of Benjamin, from Cambria Iron Co. on March 17, 1916. In 1911 she lived in Rosedale. By 1918, Catherine Benshoff is listed as residing at this address.

Sources:

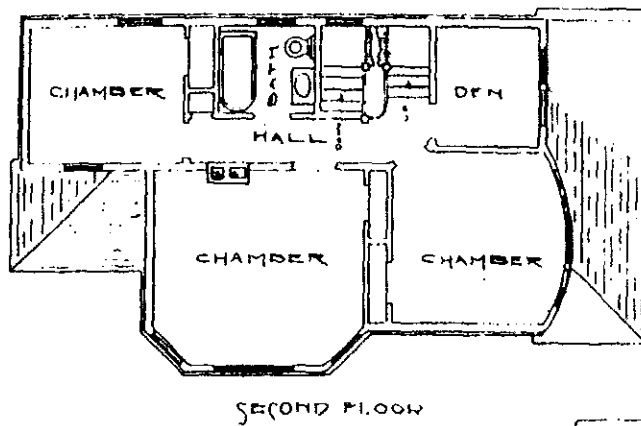
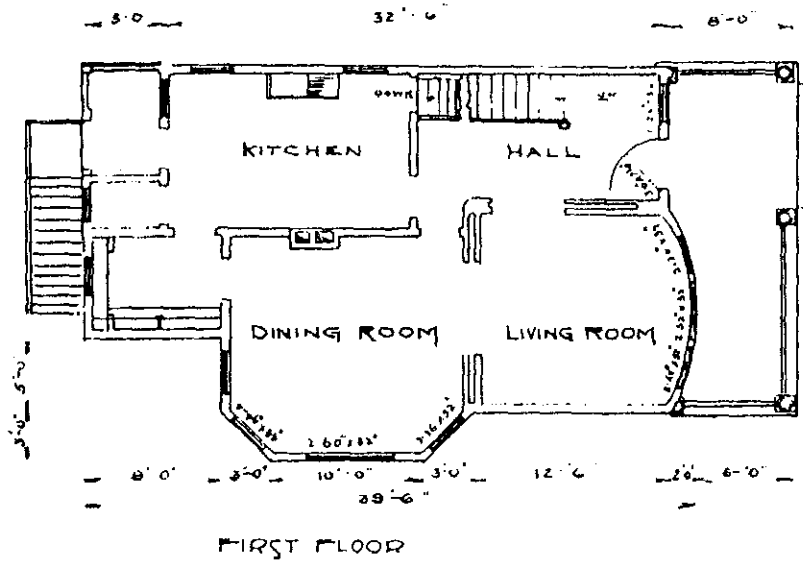
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Plans and elevations of
 Cambria Steel Company House,
 140 Colgate Ave., Westmont.
 Drawing by Cambria Steel Company,
 1911. Collection: Johnstown Flood
 Museum.